

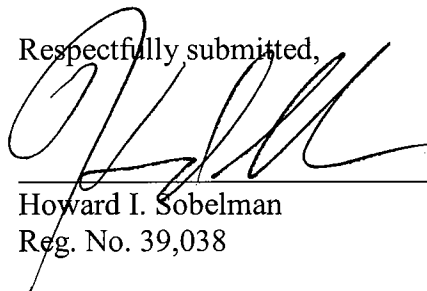
REMARKS

Applicant replies to the Office Communication dated November 1, 2006 within the shortened two month statutory period for reply. Claims 1-123, 158 and 159 were previously allowed by the Examiner and prosecution on the merits was closed. However, the Examiner asserts that the pending Abstract contains more than 150 words. Applicant revises the Abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72 such that the Abstract now contains less than 150 words. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that the formal matters related to this application are now in compliance with all statutory requirements. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience. Applicants authorize and respectfully request that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

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Respectfully submitted,



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